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Subj: ACQUISITION AND LOGISTICS EXCELLENCE (A&LE) WEEK 2001

The theme for this year's Acquisition and Logistics Excellence Week 2001, 10-14 September 2001, is "From Reform to Excellence." The Department of the Navy Acquisition Reform Office (ARO), along with the Acquisition Reform Team Working Group (ARTWG) and the Systems Commands (SYSCOMs), is developing some new and innovative ways to supplement your individual organization's plans with core Acquisition and Logistics Excellence events.

The Department of the Navy will start the week on Monday, 10 September, by participating in the OSD Pentagon Kick-Off Event in the Pentagon Auditorium (invitations for the auditorium session will be issued separately). The morning ceremonies will honor this year's David Packard Excellence in Acquisition award winners, including the Department of the Navy's winner. will be a satellite broadcast of the opening ceremony, which can be viewed by acquisition workforce members not participating in the Pentagon ceremony. The afternoon sessions, which will be held at Defense Systems Management College (DSMC), Fort Belvoir Campus, will be held between 11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Registration for the afternoon event at Fort Belvoir is mandatory. wishing to participate in the afternoon session can register through the A&LE website: (http://www.acg.osd.mil/aleweek2001). Details of the events scheduled for 10 September also can be located on this website. The Navy will feature several of our programs in display booths at DSMC, which will highlight our successes in acquisition and logistics initiatives.

You will be receiving additional information from ARO and your supporting SYSCOMs and organizations as the week approaches. The ARO Website (<a href="http://www.ar.navy.mil">http://www.ar.navy.mil</a>) has the latest information on the events as well as available training products. The ARO point of contact for Acquisition and Logistics Excellence Week is Kathy Mills, (703) 602-5506.

I strongly encourage you to include these events within your activity's plans.

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